

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 1, 2008

SWAC Members

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Mark Glazer, Chair	Mimi Guernica	Sean McCarty
David Frank, Vice Chair	Marcia Harrington	Craig Simoneau
Jessica Abralind	Paula Jenson	Steve Sprague
Steve Findley	Ed Lee	Ed Violette

Absent: L. Alexander, O. Hall, L. Levine, Marcia Marks

County Staff

Guests

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Bill Davidson, DSWS	Peter Hartwell, Covanta
Angela Jordan, DSWS	
Maureen O'Hara, DSWS	

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 7:30 p.m. on April 1, 2008, in the Executive Office Building's Lobby Level Auditorium. Introductions were made.

The Chair welcomed everyone at the meeting, and introductions were made. The March 18 meeting minutes will be approved at the May 3 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes – The minutes of the March 18, 2008 meeting, will be approved at the May 3, 2008 meeting.

Subcommittee/ Reports

Budget Subcommittee – The Subcommittee held a teleconference on March 25. A summary of the meeting was given (attachment 1): the Subcommittee has no reservations with the County Executive's (CE) budget recommendations, although there is concern about the increasing cost of fuel. Concern was also expressed about the disposal of the mercury contained in compact fluorescent lights (CFLs). The Subcommittee recommends supporting public outreach and education for the Household Hazardous Waste Program, especially for the CFLs. A motion was made Ms. Harrington and seconded by Mr. McCarty to empower the Chair to write a letter to the County Council with recommendations on the CE's Recommended FY09 Operating Budget.

Beauty Spots - SWAC will postpone beauty spot recommendations until FY09.

SWAC Representative on the Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group (DAFIG)  
Ed Violette has volunteered to be the SWAC representative for DAFIG. The next DAFIG meeting will take place on June 10, 2008.

## MAJOR PROGRAM TOPIC

Mr. Bill Davidson, Section Chief, Northern Operations, Emissions and Strategic Planning, and SWAC members had a roundtable discussion on the Montgomery County 10 Year Solid Waste Management Plan. The Plan was modeled after Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) requirements for plan content which rules were distributed at the September 4 SWAC meeting. The MDE is pleased with the current plan which was adopted November 15, 2005. The plan must be formally updated and submitted to MDE every three years. Mr. Davidson is drafting that update. Consistent with the "Report of Plan Review" distributed at July 31, 2007 Ad Hoc Meeting and subsequently submitted to MDE (Attachment 2), limited changes, other than technical, are anticipated. Nevertheless, Mr. Davidson invited comment toward the update.

- Mr. Davidson outlined the required contents of the 10 Year Plan and recommended that members read the entire plan, including Chapter 5 (Action Plan). He said that technical changes would include updated information on the tonnages of materials being recycled and disposed (Attachment 3).
- When a question was raised regarding the income generated by recyclables, Mr. Davidson referred to page 5-65 in the Plan, which specifies that the County will assure that the Solid Waste Fund receives the most favorable revenues and credits for the sale of recovered recyclables, as well as recovered energy.
- Mr. Davidson encouraged SWAC to form an ad hoc group to concentrate on reviewing the Plan. The ad hoc group will consist of three or four SWAC members, who will meet with DSWS to provide input on the County's solid waste system operations. Mr. Davidson suggested that the ad hoc group meet before June, so a draft can be produced and submitted for consideration by the State of Maryland. He explained that the State had a November 15 deadline for submittal, which means our timeline should allow for a public hearing in early October (Attachment 4). The group will report back to the full Committee in June.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Staffing of SWAC Subcommittees – An email will be sent to all SWAC members identifying those members that have signed up for one of the three subcommittees (Budget, Planning, and School Recycling). Those members

that have not selected their subcommittee(s) yet should send their first, second, and third choice to Ms. Jordan as soon as possible. Approximately five members should serve on each of the three subcommittees, and members can serve on more than one subcommittee. The planning and school subcommittees were discussed. Planning Subcommittee members are Messrs. Lee, Frank, and McCarty; and Meses. Guernica, Harrington, and Jenson. The School Recycling Subcommittee currently has three members: Messrs. Frank, McCarty, and Sprague.

- September Meeting at the Transfer Station – One member proposed that SWAC come up with a list of questions for Tom Kusterer, Recycling Center Manager, concerning the recycling operations at the facility prior to SWAC's September 6 meeting.
- Members inquired about carpooling to Dickerson for the May 3 meeting. Ms. Jordan will find out which members are interested in carpooling and look into arrangements.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

## ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Attachments (4)

## **ACRONYMS**

CE	County Executive
CFL	Compact Fluorescent Light
DAFIG	Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group
DSWS	Division of Solid Waste Services
FY	Fiscal Year
RRF	Resource Recovery Facility
SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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2007 ATTENDANCE														
	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	Absences In Last 12 Months	
Alexander, Leslie									X	X	X			
Faul-Zeitler, Bobbie		X	X		X	X			X	X	X		-1	
Frank, David			X		X	X			X	X	X		-1	
Glazer, Mark		X	X			X			X	X	X		-1	
Guernica, Mimi									X	X			-1	
Hall, Odell		X			X	X			X	X			-2	
Harrington, Marcia									X	X	X			
Levine, Lee		X	X			X			X		X		-2	
Marks, Marcia									X	X	X			
Simoneau, Craig		X	X		X	X			X	X	X			

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Abralind, Jessica		X	X	X										
Alexander, Leslie		X	X										-1	
Findley, Steve			X	X										
Frank, David	X	X	X	X										
Glazer, Mark	X	X	X	X									-1	
Guernica, Mimi	X	X	X	X									-1	
Hall, Odell	X		X										-3	
Harrington, Marcia	X	X	X	X										
Jenson, Paula		X	X	X										
Lee, Ed		X	X	X										
Levine, Lee	X	X	X										-3	
Marks, Marcia	X	X											-2	
McCarty, Sean	X	X		X									-1	
Simoneau, Craig	X	X	X	X										
Sprague, Steve		X	X	X										
Violette, Ed				X										